

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, a "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" is enclosed, following these remarks.

Claims 1-10 were pending. Claims 6-9 has been amended herein, claim 10 has been cancelled herein, and claim 11 has been added herein.

It is noted that the Office Action does not acknowledge the preliminary amendment filed with the application on February 23, 2000, a copy of which is included herewith along with the application transmittal paper. In the preliminary amendment, claims 6, 8, and 9 were amended to depend only from claim 1, claim 7 was amended to depend only from claim 3, claim 10 was cancelled and rewritten as new claim 11. Because the preliminary amendment was not considered, claims 8 and 9 were not treated on the merits. These amendments have been made again in this paper.

Claims 8 and 9 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because multiple dependent claims 8 and 9 depended from multiple dependent claims. This objection should not have been applied as claims 8 and 9 were corrected in the preliminary amendment filed with the application on February 23, 2000. In any case, these claims have been amended again in this paper to correct this deficiency.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the limitation "the resistive layer is not pattern" is unclear. In response thereto, claim 6 now calls for the resistive layer to be formed without being patterned. This terminology is clearly described, for example, on page 12, lines 1-3 of the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

Claims 1, 2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent 5,764,000 to Mougin *et al.* (Mougin). This rejection is respectfully traversed as Mougin fails to expressly or inherently describe each element of the claims. For example, claims 1 and 10 (now claim 11) call for “a resistive layer (8, 8’, 8’’) deposited on a conductive layer (5B, 5R, 5G)”. Mougin does not expressly or inherently describe such as feature. In particular, Mougin describes in column 4, lines 3-4, that each resistive strip 18 is longitudinally bordered by two biasing strips 19. Since Mougin fails to anticipate claims 1, 2 and 10 (now claim 11), withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

Claims 3-5 and 6-7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mougin as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,720,655 to Hinotani *et al.* (Hinotani). This rejection is respectfully traversed as Mougin in view of Hinotani fail to teach or suggest each element of the claims. In particular, Mougin in view of Hinotani fail to teach or suggest “a resistive layer (8, 8’, 8’’) deposited on a conductive layer (5B, 5R, 5G)”, as called for in the claims. Mougin in view of Hinotani merely teach resistive strips which are longitudinally bordered by biasing strips. Since Mougin in view of Hinotani fails to make unpatentable the subject matter of claims 3-5, and 6-7, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 1-9 and 11 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or there matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the examiner is cordially invited to contact applicants’ undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

No fee is believe due as a result of this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee and any other fees which may be required or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,



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The following marked-up claims correspond to the replacement claims of this amendment.

6.(AMENDED) The anode of [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the resistive layer (8, 8', 8'') [is not patterned] is formed without being patterned.

7.(AMENDED) The anode of [any of claims 3 to 5] claim 3, wherein the resistive layer (8'') has the same pattern as the reflective layer (10).

8.(AMENDED) The anode of [any of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the resistive layer (8) has, at least in the active screen area, the same pattern as the biasing conductive layer (5).

9.(AMENDED) The anode of [any of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, wherein said conductive layer has a pattern of alternate strips (5R, 5G, 5B) interconnected in at least two sets.